(*e*) have any petitions been received from the raiyats praying for the reduction of the rate of assessment;

(*f*) what action was taken in respect of those petitions?

A.—The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesavaiengar).—

(*a*) In the year 1933-34 (the latest year in which it discharged).

(*b*) 269 acres.

(*c*) Yes, 94 applications were received.

(*d*) Rs. 995-1-11. Single water-rate was levied on lands grown with wet crops.

(*e*) and (*f*) None.

Mr. H. C. Mummadi VEERABHADRAPPA.—With reference to answer to (*b*), has it come to the notice of the Government that a larger extent of land has come under irrigation?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No.

Mr. H. C. Mummadi VEERABHADRAPPA.—Do the 269 acres referred to in the answer include dry lands also?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Cannot say.

Improvement of Water Sources in Tumkur District.

Q.—24. Mr. K. P. CHANNABASAVIAH (Sira Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many petitions were presented by the raiyats in the Tumkur District to the Revenue and Public Works Departments since 1933-34 until now praying for the improvement of water sources for cultivation purposes, such as construction and repairs, etc., of tanks, *nalas*, *anicuts*, etc.;

(*b*) in respect of how many of these, action was taken and with what result;

(*c*) in respect of how many of these, contributions have been recovered? (The above particulars may be kindly furnished *salwar*, taluk- and villagewar.)

A.—The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesavaiengar).—

(*a*) to (*c*) Twenty-seven petitions to the Public Works Department as per statement appended (*vide* Appendix).

A statement giving particulars in respect of the Revenue Department is also appended (*vide* Appendix).

Mr. K. P. CHANNABASAVIAH.—In the statement referred to in the Appendix, it is stated that the improvements to certain tanks in the Sira Taluk are included in the triennial programme of the works. But, have any estimates been prepared in respect of those works?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Notice.

Mr. K. P. CHANNABASAVIAH.—Are not these works to be included in the list after estimates are prepared in respect of them?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—What is the object of preparing the estimates unless funds are made available for executing the works? If only estimates are prepared and the works are not undertaken immediately, they may have to be revised once again.

Mr. K. P. CHANNABASAVIAH.—Is it not a fact that during the last three years no tanks have been taken up for improvement, in the Sira Taluk?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—If there are any tanks which require urgent repairs, they will be taken up as early as possible.

Travelling Allowance of District Officers.

Q.—25. Mr. ABDUL NABI KHAN (Tumkur Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many District Officers drawing a pay of Rs. 300 and above, who tour all over their district and claim travelling allowance without maintaining any of the following conveyances, are there in the eight districts of the State—

(i) a cycle, or (ii) a jutka, or (iii) a bullock cart, or (iv) a motor car;

(*b*) what are the designations and names of these officers?

A.—**The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesavalengar).**—

(*a*) and (*b*) Information is not available. Government do not consider it necessary to call for the same as the question of claims for travelling allowance does not depend on the maintenance of conveyances by officers.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA.—While sanctioning travelling allowance to the officers, do not the Government take a declaration from them?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Declaration is taken only in respect of railway journeys. The question of claims for travelling allowance does not depend on the maintenance of conveyances by officers. One has no relation whatsoever to the other.

Mr. ABDUL NABI KHAN.—On what authority is the conveyance allowance given?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—According to the provisions of the Mysore Service Regulations.

Buses.

Q.—30. **Mr. B. DONDE GOWDA** (Hassan Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) at what distances are bus stands provided for the convenience of travellers; what are the names of places where such stands are provided;

(*b*) whether the passenger fare per mile has been prescribed, and the particulars of rates given in tickets;

(*c*) whether it has come to the notice of Government that it has been in practice to pick up passengers at any place they are available, to charge fares arbitrarily, and thus to cause trouble to the travelling public?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatesa Iyengar).**—

(*a*) It is understood that bus stands are provided at all important places. Information as regards the distances cannot be got as the places in respect of which it is required are not mentioned.

(*b*) Yes. Maximum and minimum fares which may be charged are prescribed and are as follows:—

	Minimum	*Maximum*
Ordinary roads	... 4 pies	1 anna.
Railway competition roads.	5 pies	1 anna.

Fares charged are generally noted on the tickets.

(*c*) Passengers are picked up *en route*.

No instances have been brought to notice of passengers being charged fares above the maximum prescribed.

Mr. B. DONDE GOWDA.—With reference to answer to (*a*), what should be the distance between two bus stands?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—It is not possible to say that. In important places bus stands have been provided.

Mr. B. DONDE GOWDA.—With reference to answer (*b*), has it come to the notice of the Government that higher rates than those referred to in the answer are being levied?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—The rates have been fixed. If any bus-owner levies higher rates than those fixed, it is left to the parties concerned to complain to the authorities so that they may take action in the matter.

Mr. B. DONDE GOWDA.—With reference to answer to (*c*), have any cases come to the notice of the Government of passengers being left on the wayside without being picked up by the buses? If they are not picked up, will that not cause great hardship and inconvenience to them?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—If the buses are already full, how can they pick up extra passengers?

Coercive Measures for Recovery of Arrears to Government.

Q.—32. **Mr. Hosakoppa KRISHNA RAO** (Koppa Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) in how many cases, coercive measures have been adopted in the Kadur District for the recovery of land revenue, loans and other miscellaneous arrears;

(*b*) in how many cases, distraint of movables has been ordered and with what results;